



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. Vito Cannella
Ms. Rita Hall
Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **OCTOBER 22, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montañó led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó
Frank Bacio
Vito Cannella
Barbara Bigby
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Rita Hall

Staff

Janice Davis, Commission Services Staff
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff

Commissioner Moore joined the meeting at 10:06.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 15, 2008, MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Vice Chair Bacio, and unanimously carried, the minutes of October 15, 2008, were approved with no changes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montaña reported on the following two (2) articles and two (2) events:

- "Wife Killed At Carson Workplace", Los Angeles Times, October 15, 2008, regarding a Wilmington gang member who followed his estranged wife to her workplace; shot and killed her.
- "Teen Who Killed Himself Was Bullied Students Say", Los Angeles Times, October 22, 2008, regarding Jeremiah Lasater a 14 year old at Vasquez High School in Acton, California, who killed himself because he was the target of frequent taunts by schoolyard bullies.
- The "Annual Crime Prevention Seminar" hosted by the Sheriff's Department was held on September 19, 2008 at the Carson Sheriff's Station.
- The, "Lambda Theta Nu & Yasmin Davidds Mobilizing Voices – VZW Hopeline Seminar", hosted by the University of Southern California was held on October 20, 2008 at the Bovard Auditorium.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,092.83.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Janice Davis, Commission Services, reported the following:

- The Nexus XIII Training Conference is scheduled for October 30, 2008. Staff has made reservations for six (6) Commissioners to attend the training.
- The "Operation Graduation Commencement Ceremonies", hosted by the Probation Department will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2008 at the University of Southern California.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT

A commendation letter was sent to the Honorable Sheriff Leroy Baca regarding Captain Warren Asmus.

Two (2) commendation letters were sent to Mr. Robert Taylor, Chief Probation Officer regarding Daniel Aceves, William Bermudez, James B. Marshall, and Michael Varela.

THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION HOLIDAY RECEPTION

Item to be continued to the October 29, 2008 Meeting.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM OCTOBER 15, 2008 TO OCTOBER 21, 2008

Van Nuys West Wing Criminal Branch Courthouse – Commissioners Bigby and Hall

The facility was visited on October 16, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Additional deputies are needed; Sally Port area needs cameras and recorders.

Star View Group Home – 56, #2 – Commissioners Bacio and Moore

The facility was visited on October 16, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Children's transcripts are not available.

South Bay Bright Future Youth Center #2 – 54, #5 – Commissioner Montaña

The facility was visited on October 20, 2008, and no one was home.

South Bay Bright Future Youth Center #3 – 55, #2 – Commissioner Montaña

The facility was visited on October 21, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concerns: Daily activity schedule and evacuation plan not posted; fire extinguishers need to be serviced.

Eggleston Youth Center (Emancipation) – 16, #4 – Commissioner Hammargren

The facility was visited on October 21, 2008, and the inspection was not performed because Commissioner Bigby inspected this facility on September 23, 2008.

Bourne Inc (San Kofa) – 4, #3 – Commissioner Bigby

The facility was visited on October 21, 2008, and no one was home.

GLASS (Charles Pierce) – 25, #2 – Commissioners Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on October 21, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concerns: Leak in the bathroom wall behind the tile; low on perishable food.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Bacio attended the "Hacienda LA Puente Correctional Education Community Advisory Committee Conference" on October 21, 2008 at Willow Campus in City of Industry, CA.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m. in memory of Veronica C. Pineda-Reyes, and Jeremiah Lasater.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Davis
Commission Services Division